

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. C-16-022**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY  
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

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**PROJECT LOCATION:** 8669 North Maple Avenue; Located on the west side of  
North Maple Avenue between East Teague and East  
Shepherd Avenues

(APN: 403-022-09)

(Council District 6, Councilmember Brand)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-16-022  
pertains to 2.3 acres of property and proposes to  
construct a 13,624 square-foot Coptic Orthodox Church  
(Archangel Michael and Gabriel Coptic Orthodox  
Church) with religious educational classrooms, social  
hall, and an outdoor plaza. The subject property is  
located in the RS-4/UGM (*Residential Single Family,  
Medium Low Density/Urban Growth Management*)  
zone district.

**This project is exempt under Section 15332/Class 32 (Infill Development) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.**

**EXPLANATION:**

Section 15332/Class 32 exempts from the provisions of CEQA, the construction of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the following conditions: a) the project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations, b) the proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of approximately ±2.3 acres, which is less than the five acre maximum, and is substantially surrounded by urban uses, c) the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species, d) approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and e) the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

By current standards, the subject site and surrounding areas are identified as "in-fill" within an urban setting.

The project complies with all conditions listed above. There is no substantial evidence in the record that any of the exceptions to these Categorical Exemptions, set forth in CEQA Guidelines

section 15300.2, apply to this project and no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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